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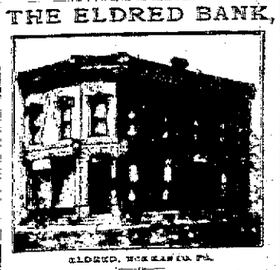

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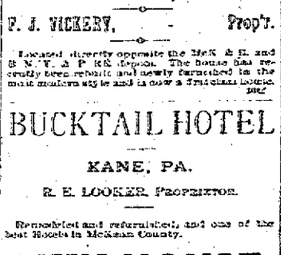

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His trail trailed to Leadville all the way;
He went to work in a lumber yard,
And wrote a letter that ran: "Dear Pard,
Stick to the claim whatever you do,
And remember that Jim will see you through."
For, to quote his partner, "they owned a lead
Mit der splendidest brosbers und nuttings to
end."

When Sunday came he brushed his coat
And tied a handkerchief round his throat,
Though his feet in hob-nailed shoes were shod
He ventured to enter the house of God,
When sharply scanning his ill-clad feet,
The usher gave him the rearmost seat.
By chance the loveliest girl in town
Came late to the house of God that day,
And, scorning to make a vain display
Of her brand-new beautiful Sunday gown,
Beside the threadbare man sat down.
When the organ pealed she turned to Jim
And kindly offered her book to him,
Held half herself and showed him the place,
And then, with genuine Christian grace,
She sang soprano and he sang bass,
While up in the choir the banns growled,
And the leader's son looked back and scowled.

The preacher closed his sermon grand
With an invitation to "join the band"
Then quietly from his seat uprose
The miner dressed in his threadbare clothes,
And over the carpeted floor walked down
The state of the richest church in town.
In spite of the general shudder and frown,
He passed the church and went up way;
But he did not know he had walked that day
O'er the sensitive cures of pride, rough-shod;
For the usher was thinking just then of God.
A little lonely it seemed to him
In the rearmost pew when Sunday came;
One deacon had "dubbed" him "Leadville Jim"
But the rest had forgotten quite his name.
And yet 'twas never more strange than true;
God sat with the man in the rearmost pew,
Strengthened his arm in the lumber yard,
And away in the mountains helped his "Pard."

But after a while a letter came
Which ran: "Dear Tim—I had sell our claim,
And I send you a jack for half der same.
A million I thought ras a pooty good price,
Und my heart said to sell, so I took its advice—
You know what I mean if you lide a frauleen—
Good-py. I am going to marry Katrine."

The hob-nailed shoes and rusty coat
Were last seen astir, and another note
Came rippling out of the public throat.
The miner was now no longer "Jim,"
But the deacons "Brothered" and "Sistered" him;
Took their huggies and showed him round,
And, more than the fact of his wealth, they
found,
Through the papers which told the wondrous
tale;
That the fellow had left his class at Yale.
Ah! the masters admired his splendid shape
Which the tailor had matched with careful
tape;
But he married the loveliest girl in town,
The one who once by him side sat down,
When up in the choir the banns growled,
And the leader's son looked back and scowled.
—W. W. Fink.

"HANG THE BABY."

"Then you won't go, Alice?"

"No, Herbert—I'm so sorry—but the baby"

"Oh, hang the baby!" and Herbert flung out of the room, slamming the door behind him.

Alice stood looking at the door, growing whiter and whiter. Then she gave a heart-breaking cry, fell on her knees by the cradle, and hiding her face in her hands, sobbed bitterly.

She had looked forward so long to this particular party. It was given by Mrs. Mountjoy, one of the leaders of society, and all that was eminent in politics, diplomacy or literature, as well as distinguished in the fashionable world were sure to be there. She had been kept at home so much since baby had been born that she really felt the need of a little variety and relaxation. But baby had been threatened with croup the week before, and the fond mother had not yet recovered from her fright. Baby, she admitted, was now better, "but not fit," she declared, "to be left, at least with only the nurse to look after it. Nurses are so careless, everybody but told her, even the best of them." So she felt it her duty to give up the party. She had not asked Herbert to give it up also, and even said there was no reason he should stay at home; but still, in her heart of hearts, she hoped he would.

"He said, 'hang the baby;' yes, he did dar'ing," she murmured, with indignant emphasis, as she bent over the little unconscious sleeper. "It was your papa who said that, and he has gone to a brilliant party, with such thoughts of his wife and child! Did you come, dearest, to estrange us from each other?"

This awful idea called for bitter sighs. Herbert had said such beautiful things in her trusting girlhood. "Never should their lives run in separate channels, as those of some married people of their acquaintance did"—"never a joy be accepted that did not make them one"—"never a barrier, she did come between them." And now to think that this wee babe with its golden curls this beautiful little helpless creature should part them, as never strong hands could.

She pictured the gay assemblage, and her Herbert dancing with young girls, smiling on others, and leaving her to die of heartbreak.

Her imagination, always too vivid, viewed him in his triumphs, until her misery took almost the form of madness.

"He didn't want me to go," she said; "he acted as if he didn't and then he pretended to throw all blame on dear, helpless baby."

Suddenly she heard the sound of carriage-wheels outside; they stopped at the door; the bell rang, and a fairy-like figure stood on the threshold of the room, in all the wistfulness of expectancy, with dimpling smiles and laughing eyes.

"Oh, Mabel!" cried Alice, starting to her feet with a glad cry. "This is, indeed, a surprise. I'm so glad you've come. My darling sister."

Forthwith ensued a scene of rapturous welcome. Then the baby was exhibited, and one would not have dreamed that a tear had ever stained the cheek of the proud mother. Then the visitor's trunks were ordered to be carried up stairs.

"But where's Herbert? In the study?" said Mabel, at last.

"He's—out, dear."

"Good! Don't be angry because I'm glad, for we can have such a nice little chat. You didn't expect me."

"Of course I didn't."

"Well, I didn't think of coming, as you know, for a month yet. But I thought it would be so nice to surprise you."

"Oh! I'm so glad."

"And then Paul is coming," said she, blushing, "next week to stay a month; he has business here, and he wanted me so badly to be here, too. I declare," she said, laughing, "I'll have to marry him soon to get rid him."

"Oh, Mabel! don't marry him unless you're certain you'll be happy!" cried Alice, hysterically. "Be sure first he won't go to parties, and to—love you—alone with to—baby," she sobbed.

"What! Is Herbert at a party?" queried Mabel, quite subdued.

"Yes, go to and when I told him I wouldn't go on account of baby he said 'hang the—baby.' Yes."

"He's a viper!" exclaimed Mabel, with sudden vehemence. "A nice way to treat a wife like you—a baby like that! But why couldn't you leave baby?"

"Because he was threatened with croup last week."

"But he's well enough now—sleeps deliciously. He'll not wake up all the night, perhaps. And the nurse would have taken good care of him."

"I should have been thinking of fire, croup, and all that."

"Oh, nonsense! You ought to have gone. But Herbert had no right to behave as he did; and he must be punished." And Mabel threw her wraps on the bed and took her seat by the glowing fire. "It won't do to let him get the upper hand. Ah! I have it. I've thought of a splendid plan. A charming, delightful plot," and she clapped her hands in glee.

"Oh, Mabel, what is it?" and Alice slid down at her sister's feet, gazing in her face with expectant smiles. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm not going to do it. I shall stay here and watch baby. You are to go to the party."

"Mabel! impossible."

"Quite possible. In fact, it must be done. You must let Herbert see that you're as pretty as anybody, and quite as much admired. It is decided. You are to go to the party and play a part. Let me arrange the programme."

"But Mabel, I haven't a dress prepared—or anything. I gave up going a week ago, you see, when baby was threatened with the croup."

"Pshaw!" You shall wear one of mine, one of the most bewitching, bewildering of dresses, brought from my last allowance from Uncle Curtis. Only to see it will throw you into ecstacies. Worth never composed anything more lovely. I want to see it on you. Come, come, call your maid; I am all impatience. We'll shame our bad husband to good behavior, see if we don't. No irresolution. I'll stay at home and fancy myself mistress here, and count your pictures, vases, and pretty things, and catalogue them, so as to make mamma happy with a letter to-morrow. Order John, or Jack, or Bill or whoever your coachman is, to get the carriage if that's impossible, send for a cab."

In less than an hour Mabel led her sister to the great French mirror, and laughingly introduced her to the loveliest and best-dressed woman she had almost ever seen.

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"Because he was threatened with croup last week."

"But he's well enough now—sleeps deliciously. He'll not wake up all the night, perhaps. And the nurse would have taken good care of him."

"I should have been thinking of fire, croup, and all that."

"Oh, nonsense! You ought to have gone. But Herbert had no right to behave as he did; and he must be punished." And Mabel threw her wraps on the bed and took her seat by the glowing fire. "It won't do to let him get the upper hand. Ah! I have it. I've thought of a splendid plan. A charming, delightful plot," and she clapped her hands in glee.

"Oh, Mabel, what is it?" and Alice slid down at her sister's feet, gazing in her face with expectant smiles. "What are you going to do?"

"I'm not going to do it. I shall stay here and watch baby. You are to go to the party."

"Mabel! impossible."

"Quite possible. In fact, it must be done. You must let Herbert see that you're as pretty as anybody, and quite as much admired. It is decided. You are to go to the party and play a part. Let me arrange the programme."

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strongly affected by this audacious outburst, but it had the effect of leading him to see his duty in a new light. It taught him to reflect; opened his eyes to his selfishness, and made him, from that evening, a better and more considerate husband.

Six months after that time Alice was dressed for a party. But this time the party was given in her own house, and in honor of Mabel's marriage. Even the bride did not look lovelier, for nothing now ever occurred to mar Alice's happiness; and happiness, after all, is the best preservative of beauty.

JACK'S LESSON.

'He positively neglects you, Nannie, I wonder you stand it.'

'I love him so, Lena.'

Lena Blair touched the light brown hair of her brother's betrothed very tenderly, but a shade of annoyance crossed her fine, haughty face.

'You love him far too well, little one,' she said, rapidly. 'You are too patient dear. I am sure you never say a word to Jack about his flirtations, do you, Nannie?'

'Well, what is there for me to do?'

'Make him jealous. I have a plan, Nannie, which will work splendidly if you will put it into execution. Sandy Anderson comes here to-morrow. You know him. Well, a secret. He is my lover. We are betrothed.'

'Lena, dear?' with girlish delight. 'I never even suspected! Let me kiss you! Does Jack know?'

'No, you child! Do you forget the old feud between them, since one—I forget which—gave the other a good drubbing at college? And Jack isn't to know just yet, either. I told you Sandy comes to-morrow. Let me lay my plans before you, and tell me if there isn't more of the comic than tragic in my plot?'

The two girls talked for some time, and when they had finished both were laughing heartily.

The next evening there was to be a pleasant hop at a neighboring hotel, and Jack had promised to escort Lena and Nannie.

He was waiting for them, as he had promised, on the terrace, when his sister approached him alone!

'Isn't Nannie ready?' he asked, 'Everybody has gone; Miss Glynn and her mother went half an hour ago.'

'And Nannie has been gone more than half an hour,' Lena responded, easily. 'Nannie went with Mr. Anderson.'

Jack offered his arm, and led his sister across the terrace and along the sands, looking a trifle grave.

They were late and found the floor filled with waltzers.

While they stood watching the whirling couples Nannie floated by, light as zephyr, fair as a flower, held by Sandy Anderson, whose head was bent—rather too tenderly, it seemed to Jack—over the fair one of the girl.

She was smiling slyly, and, as her eyes met those of her betrothed, they flashed,

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A FRANK CONFESSION.

The republicans of the country insist that the late elections, and in fact all the elections which have been held in the south for years past, have been nothing more nor less than farces, that the power and influence of one vote in Mississippi and other southern states offset two in Pennsylvania or any northern state, and that the enfranchisement of the colored race followed by their disfranchisement through fraud and violence, gave the white voters of the south double the power in the electoral colleges and congress of the white voters of the north. That the republican party has just cause for complaint because of this, that the allegations are true as to the misfairness of the elections in the south, we copy the following article from the Oxford *Eagle*, the home organ of Senator Lamar of Mississippi. This paper is a bitter and unrelenting democratic sheet, and yet an able exponent of democratic principles as understood in the extreme south. It says:

"We must acknowledge that the discussion of political questions is not as free in the south as in some other sections of the country. That is, the democratic party is so great in the majority, and pounces upon and criticises so vehemently their opponents, that they shrink away in fear and dread and do not express their opinions as freely as where they are not conscious of being in a minority. Any one who opposes the methods of procedure by which our democrats carry their elections meets with a hasty condemnation at all hazards, especially perchance he be a colored man. Mr. John R. Lynch has recently given expression to his opinion as by few we have elected Cleveland and what will be the result of his election. And we may now expect the press of the state to be all blood and thunder after John R. Lynch, but must know it may, he feels the truth in that opinion more than once. He says Mr. Cleveland's election was by fraud, and that fraud was in the outside; that as many as twenty-six electoral votes have actually been obtained by the democratic party through fraud.

"It is a great pity that the constitution of our forefathers should bleed, for it is the guardian of our peace and prosperity. It is the boast of an American citizen that, as a sovereign, he sits in judgment upon his rulers and his magistrates; the elective franchise is the foundation alone to our liberties. And yet one of the south five year to year in violation of those sacred rights. Instances are too numerous for us to deny it. But it has been a government of minority rule which has brought us to it, and, as we believe, in this instance the end we were to attain justified the means. Calhoun predicted long before the emancipation that there would be a civil conflict; that the negro would be freed; that the south would be vanquished, and that he wished he could live to speak upon the relations of the colored man to the politics of the United States. He said they would naturally side undivided with the people of the north, and that there would be with them a few "profligate whites," who would be seeking the patronage of the federal government. Only too true have his predictions proved, and the protection of the people of the south has been their determination to stand together and to have control of their offices of government, although they were forced to sacrifice some of the constitutional rights of their former slaves in the attempt. The southern people, and in fact many of the Anglo-Saxon race, will submit to be dominated over by any other race of people, and this northern people cannot realize the truth of this fact because their opinions are between whites and whites, and not between whites and blacks. We know that there have been numerous election frauds in the south, and that the colored man's vote has not been fairly counted, but we do not think he has yet reared himself to a position where his voice should have equal weight with ours.

A dispatch to the Memphis *Appeal* from Washington, gives the Union democrats of the south to understand that they will receive no recognition from the Cleveland administration. It says: "There is one sentiment from the south who is not likely to get anything from the Cleveland administration, and that is the Hon. John Hancock, one of the ablest representatives from Texas. He was a staunch Union man during the war, though always a democrat. "We will not consent to count Hancock," said a Mississippi member recently, "so far as the distribution of offices is concerned. Why Hancock left Texas when the war began and served as a brigadier general in the Union army. The appointment of Hancock would be to us more a recognition of the south. Our understanding of a southern man is one whose sympathies and fortunes were identified to that section during the war."

The reception given by Gov. Cleveland in Albany was attended by Mrs. McElroy and Mrs. Haymesworth, sisters of President Arthur. In commenting on this fact a dispatch from Albany of that date says: "Both Mr. McElroy and Mr. Haymesworth, who were formerly republicans, voted for Cleveland for president." We have no reason to doubt this report, and would not have been surprised if it had included the president himself.

There are some phases of the tariff question which are complicated and difficult, but this much at least is easy to comprehend, viz.: that, as England and America are rivals in commerce and manufactures, the advancement of British interests upon this continent is a loss to us on this side. In

EDITORIAL PUBLICATIONS.

There are a great many papers throughout the country that survive only on borrowed capital. Their would-be editors have no ideas of their own, and many of them could not communicate ideas to paper if they had them without the aid of their competitors. The result of all this is that they are compelled to purloin from other papers—to appropriate other's thoughts, and palm them off on an unsuspecting public as their own. A man in the business very soon knows who the editorial thieves around the country are, and among the craft they are branded as unworthy of recognition. Occasionally a man who has not had the newspaper business "bred in the bone" attempts to edit a newspaper. His "freshness" is a marked characteristic of his editorial *effusions* and in a brief space of time he becomes known to the profession as an egotist and an editorial thief. Again one of these men will succeed in the business financially, but not knowing anything about the making up of a paper, they are placed in the awkward position of being a pilferer, by their employees making up their editorial columns, with matter which has the semblance of originality. The employees are not to blame. The man who did the scissoring *forgot* to give the proper credit.

Our neighbor of Port Allegany belongs to this latter class. A few weeks ago there appeared under the editorial head of his paper an article in reference to the Washington monument. It was false in every particular and the ostensible editor of that paper ought to have known it. That he did not is evidenced from the fact that he was offended because of the wholesome criticism given the article by this paper. We assumed that it was being palmed off as original while it carried the ear-marks of stolen property. Facts have since come to light which fully substantiate that conclusion. It is the unbounded admiration in which we hold half-fledged newspaper men that causes us to admonish them from time to time against acquiring the habit of "sailing under false colors."

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So far the parallel is complete, but there are divergences. Scott made a poor run and was distanced by his competitor. Blaine made a splendid run and came out neck and neck with his competitor, against many obstacles and difficulties, and would have been elected but for an accident. Perhaps these divergences indicate that Mr. Webster and Mr. Fillmore in their day wielded a weightier influence than Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Arthur in their day. They were paralled in bad design, divergent in power of execution.

General Scott survived his defeat and lived many years of honor to himself and usefulness to his country. Mr. Webster, in grief and gloom, was separated in large degree from the sympathy of his old friends. Mr. Fillmore never regained the respect and the confidence of those who trusted him and deceived. To complete the parallel would require the gift of prophesy, whereas we are only writing history. But it is history full of strange parallels, fuller still of painful inferences and suggestions. Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Arthur may possibly ponder the lesson with profit.—*Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.*

The true issue for the south is free politics, not merely for colored men, but for white men. Let the whites be free to vote as they please, and necessarily the negroes cannot be defrauded nor bull-dozed. If a white man may be a republican with the same freedom as he may be a bourbon or a democrat, there can arise no difficulties in the way of the colored citizen. It is an essential condition precedent to the defrauding, intimidation and massacre of negroes for political and party purposes that the masses of the whites shall first be more or less subdued by these means. Employers must be bull-dozed before employees can be reached. At Danville the tobacco manufacturers were terrorized before the negroes were attacked. And so we find it all over the south.—Richmond *Whig.*

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* is one of the great papers of the great west. Mr. St. John, the late prohibition candidate for the presidency, is evidently not in favor in the office of that paper. In a late issue it says: "We have received from Mr. John P. St. John a letter denying that he asked or accepted money for his services in the late campaign. Mr. John P. St. John is an infamous and unmitigated liar, and we shall not print his letter."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

Congress is taking its holiday recess, having adjourned on Saturday, virtually for two weeks. It was agreed that several sessions should be held during the vacation, in order that something might be done with the Navy Appropriation on which the two legislative bodies are deadlocked. They will meet on Wednesday, probably again on the 27 and again on the 31, but it is not expected any real work will be done. Many senators and members have scattered to their distant homes and a quorum cannot be found.

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives had an active week prior to adjournment. The Senate voted for Dakota to come into the Union; discussed Navy Appropriations, and the Silver dollar question, spoke briefly on Indian Land Leases, received, read and referred new bills, petitions and memorials, and turned the public out and barred its doors half a dozen times, while it whispered about the Spanish and Nicaraguan Treaties. It also confirmed some presidential appointments; among them that of Hon. Hugh McCulloch for Secretary of the Treasury by a vote of fifty against one—that of Senator Riddleberger, of Virginia. The Senate began consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill the question with which the House has been wrestling for three weeks, unable yet to reach a vote. The House has besides, given passing attention, during the week, to a "mass of miscellaneous minor matters, received its share of new measures, passed a number of unimportant bills, and decided to establish a Department of Agriculture, thereby changing the name of the Commissioner, to that of Secretary of Agriculture, an elevation to a Cabinet position.

In the House Inter-State Commerce debate the color line issue was the feature of the week. Members on both sides became greatly excited at its revival, the Democrats charged that the question was brought up to kill the bill, and bitter speeches ensued. Mr. O'Hara, a colored congressman from North Carolina, proposed an amendment to the effect that passengers travelling from one State to another should not be relegated to "Jim Crow" cars on account of their color when they entered certain States, Georgia, for instance if they had paid for first-class tickets. Before they knew what they were doing, about forty Democrats voted for the amendment. Here the trouble began. The announcement of the result threw the Republicans into a state of delight. The opponents of the bill saw a chance to defeat the entire measure, and the Democrats were dismayed. Motions were made to reconsider the vote, to table this motion, to adjourn, and great excitement prevailed. On the following day the color question divided the House so that the Southern democrats voted steadily against amendments having a tendency to social equality in travelling privileges, while the Republicans and about thirty Northern democrats voted the other way. Smalls, the colored member from South Carolina, said in an impassioned speech that he hoped the member who had said "this great, good man Cleveland meant good to the colored man," would not stand up for the "Jim Crow" car of Georgia. Representative Reed, of Maine who is beardless and decided-ly rotund, made an amusing speech about classifying and assorting passengers on railroads, and wanted to know whether the assorting was to be based on the size, height, beard or complexion of people. He objected to a whim sical basis. Mr. Regan, who felt that his long-cherished measure was about to be handicapped, took Mr. Reed to task for his humorous handling of the serious subject. Mr. Reed thinks the drawing of the color line will result in the defeat of the bill. Says it is another case of "Rum, Romanism, and Rebellion." Whether it becomes a law or not it has served to show that the democracy finished form arouing a good point in the line of its late professions.

President Arthur will spend his holidays quietly at the White House, where he will be joined before New Year's day by his sister Mrs. McElroy, who will again take her position for the social season at the head of the president-tial household. Much interest is felt in the New Year's reception at the White House as it will be the last held there by President Arthur. Each year the official pageant has been more splendid than its predecessors, just as the next is intended to be. There will be about fifty ladies assisting the president in the New Year's handshaking.

Many congressmen expect to attend the New Orleans Exposition during their holiday recess, and some of the democratic members propose to visit the president elect. Some of the old senators will study the treaties before the senate for ratification, and doubtless devote some time to thinking how executive matters can be prevented from flitting through the doubly-barred senate doors. Nothing, they complain, can be kept from the press.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1884.

It is said that a great many republican clerks in the department at Washington are now claiming that they have always been democrats. "It's an ill wind that blows no good." If the election of Cleveland should result in kicking such weather-cocks out of office we should feel very much like rejoicing with our democratic friends that the republicans were not successful.

"When Dr. Kane returned from the Arctic regions," as the Boston *Globe* tells, "Boston experienced a very cold winter. One extremely frigid day one gentleman on Tremont street remarked to another: 'Whew! isn't this cold!' 'Cold!' was the reply, 'not in the least. Why, I just saw Dr. Kane up the street and he had on a linen duster, a Panama hat, slippers and was fanning himself.'"

One old friend Herbert, the *Reporter's* Harrisburg correspondent, is occasionally exercised on our account. He is anxious to see us succeed in life, and takes a deep interest in keeping us solid with the "powers that be." We hope he will [illegible]

GIFTS FOR MR. CLEVELAND.

The lists of the country are engaged in showering their gifts upon the president-elect, although he has very sensibly begged of them to desist. A dispatch from Albany of a few day's since says, on: "Such gifts have become a source of great annoyance. They arrive in Albany almost daily. In his letter returning the Newfoundland dog Governor Cleveland fully explained his position on this subject. He wished the letter to be looked upon as a positive announcement of his determination about gift taking in general. One sentence reads: 'The acceptance of presents of value, which would involve an obligation, I should deem in my present position entirely inadmissible, and I confess I should feel better if all gifts of every description were discontinued.' Of course, small souvenirs from warm personal friends and sentimental remembrances of prominent events in his public career cannot be construed by Governor Cleveland as valuable gifts which he might be called upon to return. An indiscriminate collection of articles, however, come by the mail and by express. The latest is a case of claret with the governor's likeness labelled upon each bottle. It would involve almost the entire fine of the governor if he were to write responses to each of these donors and express back their gifts. He has, therefore, today come to a wise, and wholesome and conclusion. All gifts now on hand and all that arrive in the future will be handed over to Albany charities. Claret, wines or liquors of any description will probably be sent to the hospitals, while many rare and peculiar articles will decorate the tables at some church fairs during the winter. The cause of religion and the wants of the poor and sickly will thus be ministered unto, while the president-elect will be saved a good deal of letter writing and the frequent ringing of express drivers at his door."

Apart from the richest joke of the season is Senator Vest, the gentleman who so ably represents the state of Jesse James, objecting to the admission of Dakota on account of its "turbulent population." Peoria (Ill.) *Transcript*

General Jason L. Brown of Missouri, a well-known local statesman, called at the executive mansion in Albany the other day to give the governor some pointers about his cabinet. While he was waiting in the anteroom he accosted a man who had just come into the room and was glancing over a paper.

"I suppose you are here on the same errand as I am," he remarked.

"I don't know, replied the stranger pleasantly. "What errand are you on?"

"I'm going to tell that old chump in there how to fix his cabinet."

"No, I can't say I'm on that errand."

"May be you ain't a politician?"

"No," returned the stranger, politely. "I'm the old chump."

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List of Traverse Jurors

Drawn in the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, to be summoned for the 3d Monday of January, 1885.

Anderson, John—Wetmore.
Alport, Norman—Foster.
Bevis, Charles—Hamlin.
Boyer, L. K.—Foster.
Barnes, Samuel—Hamlin.
Billings, J. W.—Kendall.
Broder, Richard—Eldred.
Chattle, Thomas—Bradford.
Cole, S. W.—Bradford.
Clark, Jude—Lafayette.
Deanks, J. B.—Eldred.
Foster, A. G.—Ritterville.
Feathers, J. Duke Centre.
Fennerty, T. J.—Bradford.
Glover, Richard—Sergeant.
Gribley, John—Gribley.
Griffith, M. E.—Liberty.
Heath, J. J.—Liberty.
Huntington, M.—Foster.
Hedland, W. C.—Bradford.
Handy, Seth—Bradford.
Hane, D. K.—Wetmore.
Silburg, D. W.—Sawyer City.
Leghart, Robert—Bradford.
Lutting, Martin A.—Foster.
Morse, N. Y.—Hazlett.
Mcgowan, James—Wetmore.
Mcgeone, Barney—Keating.
Mason, F. J.—Ceres.
Niboff, J.—Bradford.
Post, Joseph—Bradford.
Peery, John—Sergeant.
Prentiss, W. A.—Prentiseville.
Vickery, Frank—Eldred.
Vosburg, O.—Port Allegany.
Young, Herman—Keating.

H. E. PATTISON, } Jury Comm.
F. F. CLARK, }
A. L. WILCOX, Sheriff.

Attest: JNO. R. SHOEMAKER, Clerk.
Smethport, Pa., Dec. 29th, 1884.

Trial List

FOR THIRD MONDAY OF JANUARY 1885.

1. John Carlson vs John Digel No 620 Oct term 1884 Labor Claim.
2. H Johnson vs John Digel No 621 Oct term 1884 Labor Claim.
3. Joseph Post vs Dr Wm P Rook No 127 Sept term 1878 Attachment under Act of 1822.
4. Wm K King vs the N Y & P R R Co No 237 Sept term 1878 Appeal from report of viewers.
5. T D Mooney vs H E Lamb and C H Crane No 81 May term 1879 Appeal.
6. A Shaffner & Son vs Lamb & Crane No 30 Sept term 1879 Appeal.
7. Peter McMahan and Owen McMahan as McMahan Bros vs E J Straight No 50 Dec term 1879 Appeal.
8. C L Bradburn vs J W Humphrey No 38 Feb'y term 1880 Appeal.
9. Amanda M Gallup by her next friend Orrin Perry vs Dorion G Gallup No 183 Feb'y term 1880 Petition in divorce.
10. S C Hart vs H McKean & Co and J L Snyder garnishee No 207 May term 1880 Attachment in execution.
11. The Presbyterian Manufacturers Bank of Titusville to the use of H H Porter and D Emery vs L N Bennington No 494 Sept term 1880 Appeal.
12. Wm M Boggs vs Edward F Willetts and Amelia Willetts his wife in right of wife and Isaac Willetts No 271 Dec term 1880 Ejectment for land in Foster township lots 8 and 9 Shaw farm.
13. Michael Tobin and wife vs Bradford, Bordell & Smethport R R Co Appeal from report of viewers.
14. George A Walker vs James Stanton No 41 Feb'y term 1881 Replevin.
15. N F Jones vs S A Backus and Lurine Rogers No 349 Feb'y term 1881 Ejectment for land in Smethport.
16. P W Cole vs Sylvia Walker J M Tait & Samuels No 562 May term 1881 Ejectment for land in Bradford city Lot No 8, Warrant 1866.
17. Charles Willing and Phineas P Morris trustees of estate formerly of Wm Bingham the elder deceased vs Enoch Briggs No 86 Sept term 1881 Ejectment for land in Keating township.
18. James Cassada, Ellis Cassada in right of the wife vs E Sartwell High Sheriff of McKean county No 211 Sept term 1881 Appeal.
19. A Hecker vs D J Reese No 139 Sept term 1881 Appeal.
20. R E Young vs B F Benton No 375 Sept term 1881 Appeal.
21. J S Sheppard vs N Y L E & W R R Co No 316 Sept term 1881 Case.
22. A H Cory executor of the estate of Wm Rice deceased vs G W Rice No 270 Dec term 1881 Sci Fa to revive judgment.
23. Knapps Creek Oil Co Limited use of Aug. Newell & Co vs Mike, H W Yew, E W nephew, John Pelz and Jackson Simmons vs the N Y & P R R No 257 Nov term 1881 Case.
24. Mary B Murphy by her next friend David Stewart vs Alexander Murphy No 80 Feb'y term 1882 Divorce.
25. John W Rogers vs A T Newell No 133 Feb'y term 1882 Assumpsit.

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Bradford, Pa., Dec. 29, 1884—4t.

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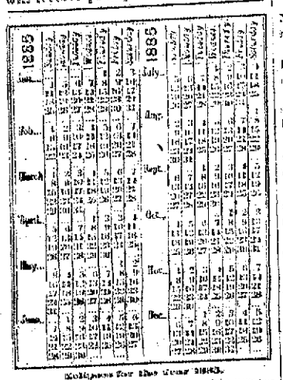

Eclipses for the year 1885.

There will be four eclipses this year—two of the sun and two of the moon.

I. Annular eclipse of the sun, March 16, visible in the United States as a partial eclipse.

II. A partial eclipse of the moon, March 30, invisible in America.

III. A total eclipse of the sun, September 8, invisible in the United States.

IV. A partial eclipse of the moon, September 24, visible in the United States.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

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Pay him now or you may never
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'Tis an honest Godful debt;
You'll put it in shelter
For it's nothing to you but

—This is '85.

—Did you "swear off?"

—Next week is the week of prayer.

—Have you harvested your ice yet?

—Did you get your stocking stuffed?

—Did you start another diary yesterday?

—It was a white Christmas but a green New Year.

—The season for surprise parties is now at hand.

—The merchants about town report a good holiday trade.

—The old year passed away by the light of a beautiful moon.

—The new county officers will now roll up their sleeves and get ready for biz.

—Armstrong county voters will vote for and against a poor house at the spring election.

—A special train was run last evening to Bradford for those desiring to witness the "Wreck of Kaya."

—Everybody is exceptionally good jubilant at present, trying to keep the good resolutions made yesterday.

—The post office department has issued orders to facilitate the forwarding of partially paid mail matter.

—The *Dubois Express* is wading through a sea of trouble but it looks as though it would come out all right.

Judge Knox of the Clarion and Jefferson district, died suddenly while holding court at Brookville on the 22d. of Dec.

—The Catholic society of this place have been making improvements in their church building by painting and repairing.

—The adventists have fixed the date at January 4th for the world to come to an end. "First one back," said a democrat, "who will never be inaugurated."

N. J. Stanton of Bradford and Fred. Weinhammer of Foster township have been wrestling with the commissioners through the week in reference to exonerations as collectors.

We are indebted to the Misses Oviatt, who have had charge of the cuisine at the jail for the past three years, for a capital dinner on New Year's day. "May their shadows," &c.

—The Christmas tree business had a big boom at the churches this year. The Methodists, Episcopals and Baptists each arted and succeeded in making it a merry Xmas for the little ones.

—The illuminated clock on the court house refused to tell the time by night for a couple of weeks past, but showed up again now year's eve to tell the new year when to commence business.

—According to the *Scientific American* the bright star which can be seen in the eastern horizon about 8 a. m., is not the "Star of Bethlehem," but Venus. The fact will take away one-half its lustre.

—The rope used at the execution of Charles Clark has been sent by Sheriff Little, of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., to Wellsboro, Pa. It will be used in January at the execution of Davis, the wife-murderer.

—Leap Year is past and many a maiden fair is bewailing her sad fate that she did not improve the time to better advantage. Never mind, girls, give the boys a chance, and you will see all the preachers looking happy.

—The Cora VanTassell dramatic company played two evenings last week in the opera house to fair audiences who were well pleased. They are a good company and deserve a full house at their entertainment to-night.

—The jury commissioners will meet on Monday next to fill the jury wheel for the coming year. The list will comprise 600 names of good men and true who will thankfe the destinies of the criminal classes and settle the disputes of those who cannot settle their own.

—A. T. Palmer has purchased the Water street livery stable of Moore & Son and is now busily engaged in having it put in first-class order for the accommodation of the public. We understand Mr. Palmer will make this a stopping point in shipping horses from the west to the east.

—We desire to call attention to the advertisement of John Lilly, which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Lilly offers a tract of 300 acres of hemlock land for sale. This land is on Marvin creek, about eight miles south of this borough, and is one of the best hemlock tracts in the county.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would thank all to favor us from time to time with items of interest in this place which would notify us by personal or by leaving a notice at this office.

B. S. Hoge, of Clermont, was in town on Tuesday last.

H. F. Barbour of Bradford was in town last week Tuesday.

Bingham Chadwick, of Cleveland, is in town on business.

Miss Jessie Hazlett is spending the holidays with friends in Buffalo.

Miss Orpha Shark passed the holidays with friends in Geneva, N. Y.

Mr. J. P. Wilson, formerly of Dubois, Pa., is now of the *Democrat* force.

A. J. Hughes of Port Allegany called at the MINER office last week Monday.

Miss Libbie Young, of Jamestown, is visiting her numerous friends in town.

Dr. W. P. Burdick is home from the New York Medical College spending the holidays.

Burg Chadwick who is attending the Buffalo Medical College is home on a short vacation.

Miss Eugenia Hamlin, who is attending school at Geneva, N. Y., is spending the holidays at home.

Hon. Gallup, of Neath Creek, N. Y., was shaking hands with his many friends in town this week.

Mrs. Joseph Wells and daughter Anna are visiting H. C. and Dr. S. I. Wells of this place for a few weeks.

Hon. Robt. H. Rose leaves for Harrisburg to-morrow to assume his duties as legislator from this county.

Miss Emma Hamlin returned from New York last week where she has been visiting relatives for the past month.

Miss Mary A. Kidder will be the assistant in the higher classes of the graded school in this place the coming term.

Senator Emery delivered his interesting lecture on "Egypt," in Library Hall, Warren, a few evenings since.

Miss Emma Allen from Des Moines, Iowa, and Mr. F. A. Pierce from Virginia City, Mon., are the guests of Dr. F. C. Pierce.

Sam R. Lindley, of the *Democrat*, returned from his week's vacation last Saturday, bringing with him his wife. They will board with M. O. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoover were the recipients of a present on Christmas eve that they prize very highly and came in the form of a girl of considerable weight.

Mrs. M. A. Sprague, who has been at Addison, N. Y. for several weeks under treatment for tumor on the neck, is, we understand about to return home, having had the dreaded operation successfully performed.

F. M. Hodgett, who has held the position of express messenger on R. R. & K. railroad for the past few years, has accepted the position of messenger on the Buffalo & Southwestern R. R. Mr. Pledger of Homellsville, will take his run here for the present.

Hon. W. W. Brown will accept our thanks for bound volumes of Congressional *Globe* for first session of the 48th congress, for the Congressional *Directory* of the same congress and for the Report of the Commissioner of Education.

In the appointment of F. E. Barden of Eldred, as mercantile appraiser for the present year, the commissioners have made no mistake, and are to be congratulated on their good judgement. Mr. Barden is one of the promising young republicans of McKean county.

New Uniforms.

The hose company have at last, after a thorough canvassing of different styles, shapes and colors, decided upon one of the neatest and most showy uniforms that we have ever seen. The suit will consist of a tight fitting cadet grey jacket trimmed with navy blue velvet and fire department buttons, navy blue pants with a narrow gold braid down the sides, navy blue fatigue cap and white gloves and tie. The boys have won many hearts with their old blue shirts, but when they come out next summer they will be just too lovely for anything. Our hose boys have gained a good reputation at home and abroad and they don't propose to take a rear position in the line with any company in the state.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

Capt. Joseph Moorhead, one of the best of McKean's citizens, has concluded that he can do better in Kansas than here, and he left for that great agricultural state on Wednesday last, with the intention of making it his future home. Kansas will be the gainer and McKean the loser by this change of base. We do not hesitate to say that there are few men in the county whose loss will be more keenly felt by those who know him. Our only hope is that he will meet with abundant success in his new home, and that he will not forget to communicate frequently with the MINER.

Baptist Church.

Preaching next Sunday at the usual hours. The subject of discourse will be that suggested by the Evangelical Alliance as introductory to the week of prayer: "Fight the good fight of faith." Concerning the observance of the week of prayer, full particulars will be given on Sunday from the pulpit.

Services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Farmers Valley.

The annual meeting of the church and society for the purpose of electing two trustees to serve during the ensuing year will be held Monday, Jan. 5th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A Catharitic.

The last issue of the Smethport MINER, December 10th, closed its twenty-first year. The MINER commences it new volume and the year with brighter prospects than ever before. It is a solid paper, and as recognized as one of the leading republican organs in the state. Politically, we take no stock in the MINER, otherwise we consider it among the best of our exchanges.—*Reporter.*

Thank you, brother Hughes. We know our politics sickens you, occasionally, but if you will only take enough of them they will do you as much good as the late Dr. Darling's catharics did his patients.

Burglary.

Some one being a little short of funds with which to celebrate the holidays tried to replenish their purses last Wednesday night by breaking open the American express messengers safe, from which they stole ten dollars, and then to increase the mammoth pile visited the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia railroad depot where they got nothing. It is too bad Smethport can't have a night-watchman to look after these individuals who roam about nights breaking into buildings and destroying people's property.

The Record Almanac.

We are indebted to the Philadelphia *Record* for a copy of its almanac for 1885, which is sent with the compliments of the publisher, to each of its subscribers. It is a magnificent number, containing a vast amount of useful information. Its description of its own elegant home on Chestnut street, above Ninth, in the city, is one of the most interesting features.

BEST BRADFORD.

Quite a number of Smethporters took advantage of the cheap excursion to the Lights o' London performance last week.

Johnson Bros Company gave a dance at Orpheus hall Christmas night that was well attended and united the company a neat sum.

Christmas passed off very quietly here in Bradford. The poor were in most instances well remembered by their more fortunate neighbors.

Deputy Sheriff Whitely was busy last week knocking down goods at Wilcox Bro.'s store. The most of the stock was had in by creditors of the firm.

Frank Wagner's house on Washington street was burned last week. The firemen could not reach it in time to do any good as it was so far from a fire plug.

Our restaurants are coming down in prices and now you can get a good meal at most of them for 25 cents. The bill of fare at Bailys is equal to that of any hotel in the city.

W. W. Mason has a judgeship out in Montana for his share of the spoils and is circulating a petition among the fraternity testifying to his fitness for such a position.

G. B. McCalmont will, it is thought, be re-elected city solicitor for another year by the councils before they go out of office. Barney is a good man for the office but is a democrat.

Jordan of the *Era* is crying reform and retrenchment in city matters now after he has had a neat slice of the city's money. Work is how he would liked it if they had cut down his salary from $300 to $1 when he was mayor, as they now propose to do. It would have been a different story then.

Joseph Duke a well known resident of this city died at Wellsville christmas day of cancer in the stomach. He literally starved to death as he could take no food whatever for some time before his death. He leaves a fortune of $200,000 which he accumulated by close attention to business. He was generally well liked.

Burglaries are getting too frequent for comfort. Three men walked into a Chinese laundry on Corydon street the other evening and made the proprietor give up his valuables at the point of a revolver. They secured quite a sum of money. A gang also tried to break open the safe in Wilkam's & Miller's office on Kennedy street, but were discovered by the night-watchman who frightened them away. They were desperate, as they fired several shots at him, none of them, fortunately, taking effect.

A certain young man of this city, who by the way was a strong Cleveland man during the campaign from too much rum—the moralists who are preaching against rinks will say it to that anyway—had been in the habit of taking a young lady to Thornton's for a year or so back. Christmas, matters had reached such a crisis that the young lady swore out a warrant for him, and on Christmas night officer Trucks visited him and informed him that he would either have to get married or go to jail. The y. m. bo-hood and said he didn't want to be spliced on Friday, (it was after midnight) but when he found that would only make a day's sojourn in the lockup, gave in, and with Trucks as best man and Alderman Wheeler master of ceremonies, was quietly married to the unfortunate girl.

JUSTICE.

Bradford, Pa., Dec. 31, 1884.

News by way of New York.

State Senator Emery, of Pennsylvania, an oil king with an income of $1000 a day, is said to be ambitious of being the next republican candidate for governor of that state.—N. Y. Evening *Post.*

One must go from home to learn the latest news of his own locality.

Our Calendar.

We do not wonder that many of our business patrons could not realize the fact that the calendar which we presented them with on Wednesday last was printed in this office. It is about time that this community understood that we were doing work which for neatness and style cannot be excelled anywhere. We will not work for nothing and board ourselves as some rat establishments in this section of the country are doing, but we will do work at living prices and give our patrons entire satisfaction. "Live and let live," is our motto. Every impression on our calendar, including the border, was printed in this office.

The Club Dance.

The second dance of the series given by the Athletic Club came off on Wednesday evening last and was a success in every particular. About thirty couples kept time to the music of the Randolph band till the early hours of New Year's morning. The supper was served at the Wright House, and as usual, Frank did himself proud. These dances are not gotten up for the purpose of enriching the members of the club, but merely to enliven the winter monotony of our burg and as long as the sinking fund holds out the boys intend holding these dances. The next dance of the series will be held Jan. 14th, and it is to be hoped that a larger crowd will reward their efforts.

A "German" Dinner.

Last week Sunday, Prof. McGowan of the graded school in this place, gave a dinner party in honor of the German class in the school and a few invited guests. The dinner was served at the Wright House, from a bill of fare printed in German. The scholars and guests were to give their orders in German, and none but that *Sprachgauge* was spoken by the party. It was a pleasant affair, and the following is a list of the names of those who were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Sause, Master Rudolph Sause, Mrs. Thamon, Miss Ida Thamon, Mrs. E. L. Keenan, Miss Edna Keenan, Mrs. T. A. Harrison, Mrs. W. Gifford, Miss Emma Fox, Miss Bessie Gifford, Miss Emma Fox, Miss Bessie Sherwell, Miss Ella Wright, Mr. H. L. Wilcox, Mr. D. Keefe, Mr. Clayton Buckus, Mr. Jno. N. Apple, Mr. F. Gorman, Mr. Carlton Sprague, Mr. Fred Gallup and Prof. W. L. McGowan.

Death of a Prominent Oil Man.

Joseph Duke, Esq., one of the most successful operators in the northern oil field, and a man who was highly esteemed for his sprightness of character, by all with whom he came in contact, died at his home in Wellsville on Thursday night of last week, aged 48 years. A Wellsville paper gives the following account of his funeral:

"The funeral of the late Joseph Duke was attended on Sunday by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. A special train from Bradford over the B. E. & C. railroad brought many from Bradford and Rollver, while others were present from Belmont, Scio, Homellsville and elsewhere. The impressive rites and services were conducted at the residence of Mr. William Duke by Rev. A. Colt, assisted by Revs. Mr. Hart, of Scio, and Mr. Beecher, of this city.

"The remains were escorted to Scio for burial by upwards of fifty carriages. A more abundant testimony of sorrow at the death, or dard testimony of sorrow at the death, or appreciation of the character of the deceased while living, could not have been caused while living, could not have been desired, and it was this which went far to soften the sting so keenly felt by the members of the family and near friends."

OUR MAINE LETTER.

Three four firms caused the destruction of new enterprise in every instance.

W. S. Haskell, of Ashtabula, Ohio, was in town this week looking after what he is planned to call his oil interest on Kinzua Creek, below Elms' Corners.

The Ridgway Lumber Company, whose mill was burned this month, have been actually engaged with the insurance adjusters this week. Mr. Alfred Short, one of the company, stated the loss to be in round numbers $22,000 on the mill and stock with about half that amount of insurance. This was the first season's cut of this mill.

On Friday last the planing mill of Wm. Byrnes & Co., south of Kane on the Pittsburg & Western R. R., was destroyed by fire. The mill contained a complete sett of the most improved wood-working machinery which, together with the engine was totally destroyed. The boiler, a steel one, was encased in masonry and it is thought was uninjured.

The La Mont Chemical Works, five miles south of Kane, have commenced to rebuild. They had just gotten fairly started in the manufacture of acetate of lime, wood alcohol and charcoal as the products from the distillation of hardwood. Their loss was perhaps $8000, on which, through the carelessness of the insurance agent in drawing up a defective policy, they received but a light reimbursement.

We chronicle another fire in this part of the county, which resulted in the entire destruction of the saw mill of S. A. Lagerland, some five miles from Kane. The alarm was given about midnight but it was found too late to save even the tools which were in the mill. Mr. L. succeeded in getting hold of a truck in the mill, but just as he reached the doorway the burning runway fell and the truck was precipitated into the flames. A pile of lumber near the mill was successfully moved which contained some 8000 feet of whitewood. Mr. L. had only recently set up this mill and had cut but little stock. There was no insurance. The boiler is probably, not much injured, but everything else, including a full sett of mill tools, canthooks, trucks, etc., were destroyed.

Teams are busy stocking the new saw mill at Swamp Lodge, two miles west of Kane on the P. & E. R. R. The mill started her engine last week but will not be ready to run until a water well is completed. The parties interested are Messrs. A. J. Hazeltine and C. W. Stone, of Warren, W. P. Weston, Esq., and Dr. G. H. Preston, of Kane. George W. Campbell & Co., of Ludlow, are the job bers.

SCRIBE.

Kane, Pa., Dec. 27th, 1884.

FROM ANOTHER SCRIBE.

Last evening (the 26th), being a superb night for moonlight excursions, a party of merry young people from near Kane enjoying a sleigh-ride, stopped at the residence of Josiah Lewis, Esq., in Kane, for the purpose of exchanging "the compliments of the season." After enjoying the evening agreeably, the horses were brought up to the door and the party started for home, with the exception of one gentleman and lady, members of the party, who were *accidentally* in another part of the house when the others took their departure. The consequence was they were *accidentally* left behind. When the gentleman discovered that his fair companion and himself were doomed to return alone, he repaired to a livery stable and obtained a horse and cutter. These gentlemen returning home, *accidentally* late discovered the horse and cutter in the street near the "oyster saloon," the horse in the shafts with his head toward the cutter and the bells *accidentally* under the seat. About this time said gentleman who having previously discovered the condition of affairs had sought the livery stable to obtain assistance, appeared on the scene with a man to assist in restoring the horse to its proper location. Things having been put to rights and the bells *put on the horse* a confused mass of gentleman, lady, robes, horse blankets, etc., was *accidentally* seen going down the Wilcox road. The sequel to the *accident* is the disagreeable feature, for after returning to Kane with his team the gallant young man was compelled to trudge home through the snow, while the mercury pointed a few degrees below zero. It is to be hoped the gentleman had his gloves with him, if not, we have no doubt but that his fair companion was prepared to provide him with a mitten.

"*Accidents* will happen in the best regulated families."

Kane, Pa., Dec. 27, '84.

Almost a Serious Conflagration.

The residence of Abner Tubbs, Esq., in Farmers Valley, came very near going up in smoke on Friday last. The family went to Port Allegany on Christmas and returned Friday afternoon. They found a fire burning in the stove in the sitting room, on the south side of the house, and to all appearances some one had been occupying the room during part of the day. A streak of the carpet on the floor, from the stove to the opposite side of the room, had burned to ashes, and then goes out without doing any further damage, than slightly blackening the base-board. Whoever was in the house entered it from a window off the porch on the south side, and whether they set fire to the carpet or not remains a mystery. It is almost a miracle that Mr. Tubbs did not find his home in ashes upon his return from spending Christmas with friends in Liberty township.

One of Our Boys.

The following is taken from the Clyde (Kansas), *Herald* of a recent date, and we take pleasure in welcoming Arthur to our ranks. May he gain wealth and fame with the rest of us:

"We take pleasure in presenting the name of Mr. Arthur Cornforth in this issue of the MAIL as one of its future editors. A large number of our readers are well acquainted with him. He has been, and now is, postmaster in this city. To such it is needless to speak at length. To our readers in general we will add that the aforesaid gentleman is a lawyer of ability and a young man of fine education and business qualifications. For honesty, integrity and business capacity Mr. Cornforth bears the endorsement of all who know him. In introducing Mr. C. to the profession we believe he is worthy of it and will receive the friendly hand of welcome and fraternal fellowship from our brethren."

Masonic Election.

At the last regular communication of McKean Lodge, No. 283, A. Y. M., the following officers were elected for the year 1885:

W. M.—Hugh P. Brawley.
S. W.—Fred. W. Brawrell.
J. W.—Linden C. Chadwick.
Sec'y.—George M. Smith.
Treas.—Myron A. Sprague.

STAPLETON of hats and millinery goods has begun at Mrs. Nash's, who has placed on sale her entire stock of hats and other millinery goods, at prices to suit all customers. This sale will continue until they are all disposed of. Call and get a bargain.

THE PHILADELPHIA TIMES.

Many of our democratic readers want to take a Philadelphia democratic paper, we would advise them to subscribe for "The *Times*." It is one of the ablest democratic papers in the country and deserves the unqualified support of its party. Typographically it is a beauty, and no paper in the country condenses more valuable news in so little space. A good deal of the time we like the paper—again we hate it for its unfairness politically. Its advertisement will be found elsewhere in this paper.

THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS.

If any of our republican readers want to take a Philadelphia republican paper, we would advise them to subscribe for "The *Press*." It is one of the ablest republican papers in the country, and its news from different sections of the state, of which it has columns every day, make it essentially the leading daily of the state. No mistake can be made in having this great protection journal read by your family every week. Read its advertisement elsewhere.

THE WORLD'S WONDERS.

As seen by the Great Tropical and Polar Explorers," is the title of a new and valuable book published by the Historical Publishing Co. Its object is to "place within the reach of all, in one elegant, finely illustrated volume, all the achievements, discoveries, travels, and adventures of the great explorers; a history of marvellous things on the earth; of strange countries and races of people; of curious animals, birds and reptiles; and the world's great natural phenomena and curiosities." It possesses additional interest in an official history of the late Greeley Expedition in search of the North Pole, and is no doubt a book of standard merit and great interest. The publishers claim that it is a complete encyclopedia of exploration, discovery and adventure in all parts of the world, and as such it must possess very great interest for all classes of readers. See advertisement elsewhere.

At the Head of Republican Newspapers.

We gladly make room in another column for the annual announcement of the THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE to its country readers. The TRIBUNE has gained an unprecedented circulation during the campaign of 1884, chiefly owing to its energetic advocacy of the Republican principles, and purely owing to the political course of The New York *Times*, whose place THE TRIBUNE has so completely taken as a Republican paper. People are taking their politics straight this year, and the faithful party papers are the ones to get the best of all. THE TRIBUNE'S circulation of 125,000 weekly (exclusive of short term campaign subscribers) and its present daily circulation of 121,000 is the proof. Whatever the politics of our readers, they will peruse THE TRIBUNE with enjoyment and profit. It is fair in controversy; pure in tone; an excellent newspaper; and indisputably the leading Republican journal of the country. Its agricultural department has done more to make good farmers than any other agency in America." Country readers will appreciate the steady war that is waged on patent swindles and other frauds. The weekly is full of variety and contains something for every member of the household. A few premiums are offered by THE TRIBUNE among them both of the large "Unabridged Dictionaries." We give handsome Illustrated "Household Practice of Medicine"; "The Library of Useful Knowledge," 15 vols., embracing Chambers' Encyclopedia with the American additions; the popular "Waterbury Watch;" and Ridpath's Illustrated "History of the United States." A descriptive circular containing these terms in full, with sample copies of the paper, will be sent to every applicant.

The Warren *Mail's* "annual" for 1885 is a handsome production, and evidence very much enterprise on the part of the publishers of one of the best exchanges on our list. We hope our old friend Cowan will publish and we shall receive not-less than twenty-one annuals from the *Mail* office.

The Cowboy on Roller Skates.

I am more used to riding horseback, and as soon as I straddled the layout I was wishing I had a buck rein, because I expected them to stiffen their knees and go to bucking, but they didn't. I walked them over to the other end of the corral to gentle 'em a little, and directly they started off at an easy canter, and were coming around back right through the herd; and there was a dude there with a stiff hat who was trying to cut out a Polled Angus heifer in a blue dress, and I fouled, and roped both my hind legs in a hoopskirt, and it had me stretched out, ready for branding, quicker 'n a spring calf can bawl with his mouth open and his lungs stretched. But I got up and got on again, and you ought to seen me exercise them vehicles! Of course they'd buck when I tried to hurry 'em, and they would rear up and fall back when I tried to stop 'em too quick; but I'll leave it to the hose herder of the whole lot if I didn't gallop 'em round there for three or four hours, and had 'em roll over and over with me, and did not get me off.—St Paul *Day.*

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